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Night Scene of a Portion of Civic Center, Columbus, Ohio

It's Time To Register For Convention!

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Cover

Bathed in light is a part of the Civic Center of Columbus, Ohio, which will be the scene of the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention. The Deshler Hilton Hotel with the LeVeque-Lincoln Tower is at the left. To the right of the center is the State Office Building. At the right the building with the round tower partly visible is the Ohio State Capitol. Photo courtesy of Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

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Coming to You by Way of

The

General Secretary



Christian Endeavor Honored by Freedoms Foundation

● Christian Endeavor is happy that it has been selected for honors by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge. Announcement was made February 22 of the awarding of the George Washington Honor Medal for Community Service to the International Society. This citation comes to Christian Endeavor for its outstanding Christian Citizenship Crusade.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan Memorial

● Norman Klauder of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has been made chairman of a committee to determine the nature of a memorial for the late president of International Society, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan. Others on this committee are Rev. Earle W. Gates, Allan J. Blair, Merritt L. Smith, and Dr. Gene Stone.

Many Congratulations

● Joseph Holton Jones of Wilmington, Delaware, a trustee of International Society, was married to Miss Helen Lydia Zartman at Trinity Church, Lenox, Massachusetts, February 19—Kenneth MacRae, president of the Massachusetts Union, was married to Miss Marie Baron at the Church of the Epiphany, Winchester, Massachusetts, February 18—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Gilfoy of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Lorrene Allison, February 10. Herb is field secretary of New Jersey Christian Endeavor.

We Express Our Thanks

● The annual Membership Mobilization was a success with total receipts exceeding that of last year. Leaders are most grateful to the many who have contributed and to those who "doubled" their memberships. We are very appreciative of the work of our Mobilization Director, Harold E. Westerhoff, and those who gave leadership in states and provinces.

For Your Information

● Rev. James S. Mather, former president of Ceylon Christian Endeavor Union who visited the United States in 1952, was installed as the new chairman of the Methodist Church in Ceylon January 4—Norman Klauder, chairman of Finance Committee of International Society, has recently been elected chairman of the Board of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society—Dr. Daniel A. Poling is the author of an article on "Mothers" that will appear in "The Saturday Evening Post" prior to Mother's Day—Ernest S. Marks, trustee of International Society, is the author of an article that will appear in the next quarter of "The Upper Room."

A Happy Easter

● It is our wish to all Endeavorers that they experience many rich spiritual blessings as they observe the Resurrection of our Lord. Many Christian Endeavor societies and unions will be conducting Easter sunrise services.

Gene Stone

CELEBRATE BY SINGING

Quartet shares in Christian Endeavor Anniversary at High Point, North Carolina, February 5. Shown (left to right) are Jack Caughron, Roy Watts, Arnold Jester, and William Carroll.



More Reports on Successful Birthday Programs . . .

Celebration of Christian Endeavor's anniversary was marked by thousands of youth in North America and around the world.

Great rallies, banquets, conferences and other events marked the 74th birthday of the Christian Endeavor movement.

Wisconsin

Two societies of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, staged a contest on a television show as a Christian Endeavor Week activity. The young people's unit of Truax Congregational Church lost to the senior society of Second Congregational Church in the event called "Quick on the Draw." Members of the two groups also presented a pantomime on the story of "The Prodigal Son."

Washington

Yakima Valley Union celebrated with a meeting at the Dutch Reformed Church at Moxee, Washington, February 6. Frieda Schmidt, Central vice-president of Washington State Union was in charge.

Tacoma District held a Christian Endeavor Birthday Rally at Gig Harbor Memorial Presbyterian Church February 6.

Pennsylvania

B. McClain Cochran, field secretary of Pennsylvania, spoke on a program over Station WGAL-TV from Lancaster for the county union Christian Endeavor Week celebration. Robert Miller, student at Albright College, was the speaker at the birthday banquet of West District February 5 at United Presbyterian Church, Prospect, Pennsylvania. Rev. Charles H. Davis, pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, addressed the birthday banquet of Cumberland County February 4 at Newville. A radio broadcast over Station WHAR, Norristown, Pennsylvania, was given by the Norristown Branch February 2.

Rev. Daniel L. Shearer, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, was the speaker at the anniversary rally of the Garden Spot Union held at New Holland, Pennsylvania, February 5.

Colorado

Governor Ed C. Johnson of Colorado addressed the annual banquet of the Welcome Christian Endeavor of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Denver, January 27. Ralph May, state president, also spoke. The Shrine hillbilly band played.

Kentucky

The Christian Endeavor birthday was celebrated by Western Kentucky Union with a rally at Pleasant Hope General Baptist Church January 28.

Rev. John P. Weaver, pastor of McKee Baptist Church, spoke at the rally of Jackson County February 3. Other speakers included Rev. Lloyd Menning, pastor of McKee Reformed Church, and Rev. Cornelius Muyskens, president of Kentucky Christian Endeavor Union.

Louisville Endeavorers celebrated with a rally at Cane Run General Baptist Church January 31 with Louis Stafford presiding.

Rev. Cornelius Muyskens spoke at the anniversary banquet of the Annville Christian Endeavor group February 2.

Missouri

More than 200 Endeavorers attended the banquet of St. Louis Union at Memorial Presbyterian Church February 4. The message was given by Rev. Paul R. Stock.

Oregon

Klamath Lake Union held its anniversary banquet at Mt. Laki Community Church January 29. Dorothy Howes, state executive secretary, spoke at the rally of Washington County Union at Hillsboro Christian Church

OPPORTUNITY FOR AWARDS

There is still opportunity for youth to enter the contest being held by "The Christian Endeavor World" and "Junior CE Meetings." Top winners may secure a trip to the International Convention at Columbus, Ohio, or receive cash awards of \$150. Those wishing to participate in this subscription contest for valuable prizes may receive further information by writing to "The Christian Endeavor World," 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

February 5. Skits on Quiet Hour and Tenth Legion were features at the rally of Coast Union in Tillamook January 29. Astoria City Union held its banquet January 24 with Don Walman as chairman.

Michigan

Barry County Christian Endeavor held a banquet at Central School, Hastings, February 2 with Rev. Chalmer Miller, pastor of Irving United Brethren Church and union president, as chairman. Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society, was the speaker. Mrs. Alice A. Griffin was toastmaster.

A display in a downtown store window and a broadcast over radio station WHTC were among the activities of the Holland (Michigan) Union.

California

Christian Endeavor's birthday was celebrated at the 68th annual convention of Golden Gate Union January 28-30. H. Lewis Mathewson was toastmaster for the banquet. Mrs. Reba Rickman, vice-president of International Society in charge of the Pacific Region, installed the officers at the closing session when Rev. Bob Hess, field secretary, spoke on "Witnessing unto All the World."

Nebraska

Young people of the Christian Church, Peru, Nebraska, earned money during Christian Endeavor Week by a pancake dinner for improvements to the kitchen of the church. The Rev. Lawrence L. Williams is minister.

Iowa

A Christian Endeavor Chorus was a feature at the birthday anniversary service held at the Reformed Church, Wellsburg, Iowa, February 6. Rev. George C. Poppen, pastor of the church and pastoral counselor of the Iowa Union, spoke.

Indiana

Jack Jarrett, a student preparing for the ministry preached at the anniversary service of the First Christian Church Peru, Indiana February 6 when high school youth had charge. Rev. Avery W. Miley is minister.



Niagara Falls

Cruise of The Great Lakes

and Visit To Niagara Falls

Scheduled For Fellowship

Tour

Duluth



Endeavorers To Travel..

L IKE to travel?
Most folks do.

There are many interesting travel plans being made in connection with youth attending the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16. One of these is the Christian Endeavor Fellowship tour which promised to be one of those "thrill of a life-time" experiences.

Philadelphia Is Starting Point

The tour will originate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with delegates leaving the City of Brotherly Love Sunday, July 10, at 8:35 a.m. A Sunday school and worship service will be conducted on the train with the party arriving in Columbus Sunday at 10 p.m.

The Endeavorers will be at the Deshler Hilton Hotel, which is headquarters for the convention, for six nights.

J. Allen Tucker will be conductor of this all-expense tour sponsored by the Pennsylvania Union, Middle Atlantic Region and the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Sail on the S. S. South American

With the closing of the convention Saturday evening, July 16 the travelers will entrain at Columbus and on Sunday morning will be in Cleveland where they will board the great cruise ship *South American*, which will be "home" for a week of exciting adventure.

As the ship crosses Lake Erie to Detroit a church service will be held. There will be a brief stop in Detroit and then a sail across Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron. In the days ahead members of the

tour will see and visit St. Mary's River Mackinac Island, the "Soo Locks," Munising, Michigan; Houghton, Michigan; Duluth, Minnesota; St. Clair River and then again Detroit. The *S. S. South American* will leave Detroit Friday, July 22, and arrive in Buffalo, New York Saturday July 23.

Party To Stay at Canadian Hotel

From Buffalo Endeavorers will go by bus to the Sheraton-Brock Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The travelers will spend the day and night at Niagara and Sunday, July 24, at 9:40 a.m. will take the train for Philadelphia.

The total cost for the tour from Philadelphia is \$320. This includes rail coach fare from Philadelphia to Columbus and from Buffalo to Philadelphia; rail fare and Pullman berth from Columbus to Cleveland; hotels in Columbus and Niagara Falls; Great Lakes Cruise; all meals except while in Columbus and Duluth; all sightseeing and bus transfers; all gratuities while en route and all Federal taxes.

For persons joining or leaving the tour at points other than Philadelphia rates will be furnished by writing to J. Allen Tucker, Tour Conductor, 1820 East Schiller street, Philadelphia 34, Pa., or Harold E. Westerhoff, Travel Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Additional details may also be secured by contacting either Mr. Tucker or Mr. Westerhoff.

Reservations may be made now. These should be accompanied with a check for \$50.00. Final date for reservation and last payment is June 15.

My Registration For International Convention

Please register me. I enclose \$3. I enclose \$1; will pay \$2 more on arrival.
Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss

(Circle proper title—Type or print plainly, last name first)

Street & No. Zone State Church

City Zone State Church

I am a member of the Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship of the Church

(Give full name and denomination)

Local Union State Union If over 25 years of age, please check here If 25 or under, please state age

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is

I desire information on the International Society Tour

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention

Columbus, Ohio — July 11-16, 1955

There Will Be a Place For You . . .

Columbus Hospitality Units Ready To Serve Thousands

Entertaining an International Christian Endeavor Convention is a big job — but Columbus, Ohio, is all set.

Preparations for hospitality have been made for the gathering of youth of North America July 11-16 when it is expected that more than 4,000 delegates will attend.

Reservations are already being received for housing by the units of the Columbus committee charged with these responsibilities.

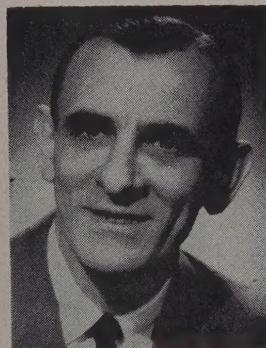
Registration campaigns are in progress by the International Society and by the Ohio Union.

Complete information on housing, meals and other details is being sent to all who register. Local, state or provincial union leaders will receive registrations which are \$3. These can also be mailed to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. For those in Ohio registrations should be sent to Convention Committee, Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Deshler Hilton Headquarters

Gerald H. Vincent is vice-chairman of the Columbus Convention Committee in charge of the hospitality units. A number of sub-committees have been set up staffed with many leaders to insure the very best in hospitality for all who make their way to Columbus. Sub-committees include the following: banquet and meals, housing, information, recreation and tours, registration records, and transportation.

Headquarters hotel will be the Deshler Hilton, which is one of the finest in America. The management is concluding a \$2,500,000 renovation program. Special convention rates have been offered to Christian Endeavorers. These are as follows: large capacity room for 3 to 6 per-



Hon. M. E. Sensenbrenner

The Mayor of the City of Columbus will officially welcome delegates to the convention and will be grand marshal for the mammoth parade.

sons, \$3.00 per person a night; twin bed room, \$5.50 per person; double bed room, \$4.50 per person, and single room, \$6.00.

Capital University Dormitories

The dormitories of Capital University will be used to house teenagers. This lodging will be \$1 a night or \$5 for all six nights of the convention.

Lodging in homes will be provided at \$1 a night.

The housing committee headed by Mrs. Victor DeRose will also give information concerning other hotels and motels to those desiring it.

Forms for all types of housing reservations are being sent individuals when their registration is received in Colum-

bus. No reservations will be made unless the persons have registered.

A plan has been made for delegates who wish to get their meals at the new cafeteria of Capital University. A book of tickets for 15 meals and the Fellowship Banquet may be secured for \$13.00.

Keystone State in Front

Pennsylvania Union is leading in Division A of the registration campaign of the International Society for the convention. North Carolina and Hawaii are in a tie in Division B at the close of the February 28 report period.

The Keystone State has secured 40.2 per cent of its goal in registrations. New York is second in Division A with 18.4 per cent of its goal. Next in order are New Jersey and Virginia. In Division B Colorado is next to North Carolina and Hawaii.

Awards have been made to the unions showing the greatest gain in registrations during the month of February. Pennsylvania took honors in Division A with a 29 per cent gain. New York was second with a gain of 7 per cent. In Division B Kentucky and Texas tied for highest laurels in February with Colorado next.

The unions showing the greatest gain in each division receive \$10.00. The ones placing second are given five subscriptions to *The Christian Endeavor World*.

Unions will secure positions in the convention parade according to their standing in the registration contest which ends July 20.

Many individual awards will be made to those securing registrations. Detailed (Please turn to Page 7, Col. 1)

Pennsylvania Union Leads In Registration Campaign

Ideas For Discussion

Thinking Together About RELIGION

John 14; 6, 12, 21, 27

SHALL the world have Religion?" might be called the greatest question facing men and women today.

Outwardly at least ours is not an age of Faith. Multitudes of people in the so-called Christian nations do not believe in much of anything outside their own powers and their own physical existence. There may be, must be, within the Communist countries, uncounted millions who live by a hidden faith but do not dare witness or teach that which they secretly believe. What is sometimes called the "religion of Communism," supposedly a substitute for the Christian religion or some other form of faith in a Supreme Being, is not really a religion, because it holds to no power beyond physical force, man-made disciplines and allegiance to a party or a leader.

To define Religion is never easy, just as mother love, family affection and patriotism are not readily explained in mere words.

A poet has said that religion is "betting your life that there is a God."

Live By Faith

A British theologian believes we must live our lives and control our conduct "with constant reference to a mystery that passes our comprehension." So to live, not by "clear knowledge" but by faith in powers unseen, might be called adopting Religion.

"The union of man with a Supreme Power, whose purposes he will strive to find and to fulfill" is still another expression of what Religion is.

Also see James 1: 27.

The Latin roots of Religion are presumably in either of two verbs—*to recover* or *to bind*. Both may serve our inquiry. We need to tie our lives and all our strivings to God as revealed in Christ. We need to recover continuously the spiritual power ("God in us") which prompts and aids us in doing His will.

For those of different faiths, spiritual power comes differently and in observances we may respect but do not seek or cherish.

We may well remember that many who were raised and fully instructed in other religions than Christianity have come gladly to Christ, when our faith was taught and practiced in their midst. In adhering to the Christian faith, they find themselves drawn closer to the Eternal Father, more certain of His purposes for them, and zealous in bringing their family and friends close to the Saviour who saves and ennobles all who trust in Him. Of the reverse—a flow from well-instructed Christian groups to, for example, the Buddhist or Moslem faith—there have been few instances.

The greatest peril facing Christianity is not that numbers of adherents will desert to ally themselves with some other faith but that they will leave the ranks of Religion entirely.

Those Who Leave The Ranks

And one may turn his back on Religion while still remaining a member of a Christian church.

He loses his binding tie with Religion, with God, with Christ . . . when selfish motives and objectives take first place in his life . . . when he finds excuses for avoiding or postponing his responsibilities to his faith . . . when he takes full command of his own life, and often of others' lives if he can, leaving no place for God's direction and turning a deaf ear to conscience . . . when he ceases to believe in prayer . . . when he no longer looks to God's Word, the Bible, for inspiration and guidance . . . when he lives, in summary, as if there is no "mystery that passes his human comprehension," no solutions for problems beyond his own thoughts, no soul to nourish, no sins to confess to God, no divine forgiveness to seek.

However he may so describe himself, perhaps as "a somewhat inactive church member," possibly as one who "believes there is a God," this person has lost his tie, Religion. He is no longer bound to God, no longer engaged in recovering and renewing his spiritual life as a trusting and obedient child of God.

It Can Happen To Young Adults

This can happen to Young Adults. Their lives change greatly as they leave the family circle, launch on a career, acquire a great body of material facts (often not balancing such gains with a constant growth in spiritual values and practices), and make hosts of new friends and acquaintances.

What the Young Adult thought and did as a child may seem unimportant, for his competence in his work, his bank balance and his contracts seem to have made him independent and self-sufficient. He can take Religion, he feels, or leave it—and now that he can make his own choices, he may gradually swing away from the demands that loyalty to Christ would make on his time, his abilities, his money and his daily relations with others.

But in God's sight, this Young Adult must still be regarded as a child— mortal,

limited in power, only partially trained for the abundant life, willful, rebellious, piling up a burden of sin from which he does not pray for release and pardon.

Probably this man or woman, cocksure and self-sufficient, will concede that all is not well in the world today. Ignorance and want, oppression and injustice, delinquency and crime, all seem to abound. Laws do not control a considerable segment of society, selfishness is rampant, inequities of many sorts seem to thrive.

Why So Much Misery

Why? Why is civilization so incomplete, so deficient? Why is there so much misery and brutality after all that has happened?

Because Religion—a living tie with God the Eternal Spirit—lies so far outside the concern of many of us.

Quite a few turn away from Religion because it would interfere with the types of success and domination which seem within reach. Some of the most miserable among God's children lose faith because of cruelty and injustice dealt out by fellow human beings. Hypocrites in the church alienate some, but as these turn away from Christ let them look for any other human institution serving with even a fraction of the church's effectiveness in leading and binding men to God!

Faith, Hope and Love are nourished by Religion—our channel through to the Infinite Father—as by no wholly human influence. Someone might contend that love in the home is the highest human attainment. How was such a home created? The status of women, of children, of family life grew from Christian beliefs and today grows constantly from Religion.

There is hope to be found in the institutions and practices of democracy—but do not look for democratic ways or ideals in a society without Religion. Liberty and Justice for all rest on respect for all God's children, and if you remove Religion from the equation, democracy dies.

That one should have faith in man, in man's institutions, in the world's resources, in what science can do by itself to elevate mankind would seem to require basic beliefs which do not have evidence to support them. The faith expressed by longing to be in tune with God, bound to Him and pledged to His purposes as we understand them, is strong in evidence. When men live in obedience to His Son's teachings and example, selfishness and injustice and oppression diminish. Where Religion in such terms is at work, thirst for knowledge and hunger for better conduct are ever present.

In short, what is good and right for the individual—reverence for God and obedience to His commands—is good and right for society. In proportion as individuals live by Religion, human society will be bettered.

What career or destiny or form of achievement is greater than the effort of Young Adults and other Christians to bring people more closely to Jesus Christ, the Son of God? We begin, each of us, with himself or herself, and then we seek to bring back the drifter, to pray and work with the puzzled, to win those now wholly outside the church. The task is monumental, but it is blessed of God!

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

by Bert H. Davis

JUDGES FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP CONTEST



Chester L. Evers, Sr.



Mildred Covington



Bishop William J. Walls

Winners in the finals of the Citizenship Contest will be determined before May 1 by a board of judges consisting of Miss Mildred Covington, Bishop William J. Walls, and Chester L. Evers, Sr. Miss Covington is Associate Editor of THE LOOKOUT magazine published in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bishop Walls is the Presiding Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. He is a Trustee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and for several years was a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. His home is in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Evers is the manager of Evers Office Supply Company of Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Central College, Pella, Iowa, and is counselor of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of First Reformed Church of Roseland, Chicago.

COLUMBUS HOSPITALITY UNITS READY TO SERVE THOUSANDS

(Continued from page 5, col. 3)

Information may be obtained from Columbus Headquarters.

Rev. Clair E. Beatty of Covington, Ohio, is heading the registration program for Ohio. The Endeavorers of the Buckeye State are staging a separate campaign.

Outstanding Program

An outstanding program has been arranged for the convention by a committee headed by Rev. J. Wesley Siebert.

Speakers at the mass meetings will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Monday; Dr. Frank C. Laubach, Tuesday; Dr. Charles B. Templeton, Thursday, and Dr. Walter H. Judd, Saturday.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of International Society, will be the speaker at the quiet hour services.

A conference will be conducted daily for Junior workers and on Saturday afternoon a Junior convention is planned.

LEADERS MEET IN SPOKANE

Pastors, youth directors and advisors of Christian Endeavor units in the Spokane, Washington, area met for an evening of instruction February 15. Mae Whitten of Whitworth College, spoke. Albert Arend, vice-president of International Society of Christian Endeavor, made arrangements.

APRIL, 1955

C. E. CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

APRIL

- 22-24—Southern Region, Johnson City, Tennessee
- 22-24—Kansas, Wichita
- 22-24—Illinois, Palos Park
- 28-May 1—Oregon, Roseburg
- 29-May 1—Middle Atlantic Region, Atlantic City, New Jersey

MAY

- 6-8—Indiana, Crown Point
- 27-30—New York, Hudson

Dr. Harry N. Holmes, Leader

In World's C. E. Union, Dies

Dr. Harry N. Holmes, for many years a vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and the International Society of Christian Endeavor, died in New York City March 18 at the age of 75.

Dr. Holmes was one of the main speakers at the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D. C., and was re-elected at that meeting as an honorary field secretary of the World's Union.

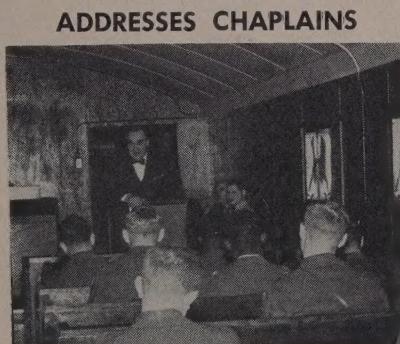
Born in Australia, Dr. Holmes was active in Christian Endeavor in that country and held many positions in Christian Endeavor there.

At the time of his death he was secretary emeritus of the World's Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches. He started his career as secretary of the Wellington (New Zealand) Y.M.C.A. In 1912 he went to South Africa as secretary of the national Y.M.C.A. there and during World War I organized the association's war service on the German Southwest Africa front. In 1920 Dr. Holmes became secretary of the London Y.M.C.A. Coming to New York in 1925 he joined the staff of the World Alliance and served as field associate and later full secretary. He was a lay preacher in the Methodist Church and active in many religious and civic organizations.

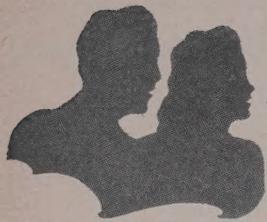
Dr. Holmes is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jeannette Elsie Holmes of East Ridge, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

TOPICS COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Topics Committee of the International Society will meet at headquarters in Columbus April 13 and 14 when Intermediate and Senior-Young People's topics for 1957 will be chosen. Rev. James Rapp of Allentown, Pennsylvania, is chairman.



Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is shown addressing chaplains and other members of the United States Army at the Kapuan Religious Retreat House, Oiso, Japan, in January.



One Vocation Out of 20,000 Choices

I Corinthians 7:7; 12:1-11
(Vocations Day)

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— MAY 1 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today is the Sunday traditionally observed as Consecration Sunday, the first in the month. Let it be a time of deep meaning. This will be the first such Consecration Meeting since the observing of Resurrection Day. There are divine purposes to which we may dedicate ourselves. When the membership roll is called let response be given by each member for some deeper spiritual observance. Perhaps the response might be Scripture or original statement in the matter of life work. Verses might be selected that point-up the Christian phases of our vocations.

The very name of this topic is a suggestive one. It brings to our attention the great number of vocational openings there are today. Convey this thought to the meeting, emphasizing the fact that only one can be successfully followed as a permanent career. Many may be interesting and inviting, but one must finally be chosen. It must be one that is enjoyable and one that is beneficial to all, if it is to be a good one. Let the leader try to point out the vast area of choice, and the requirements of each, as far as possible. Perhaps literature can be secured from the denomination or pastor, from International Christian Endeavor Headquarters, or from a local literature house. Many schools also have it. Don't press for decision as to vocation but try to help the group see the possibilities. Most important of all, point out clearly the Christian implications of one's work. Help them set goals and ideals for putting their faith into practice in their jobs.

20,000 Choices

What a wide variety of choices is offered in 20,000 vocations! It is hard to imagine this

From God's Word

- M., Apr. 25. Talents Belong To God. I Peter 4:10, 11.
T., Apr. 26. A Christian Business Man. Philomen 1-6.
W., Apr. 27. A Woman in Business. Acts 16:14, 15.
T., Apr. 28. All To The Glory of God. Matt. 19:16-22.
F., Apr. 29. Called To Service. I Cor. 10:31.
S., Apr. 30. A Price to be Paid. Luke 14:25-33.
Sun., May 1. Topic—One Vocation Out of 20,000 Choices. I Cor. 7:7; 12:1-11.
(Vocations Day)

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To help young people practice Christianity in their employment.
2. To help them determine their life work.
3. To help them weigh values in various vocations.

A FEW MORE QUESTIONS

1. First of all, screen through the many questions in the topic material. See how many can be discussed or answered.
2. What are the tests we should apply to our choices of life work?
3. What should we get out of our work?
4. What should we rightly be expected to put into our work?
5. How can we determine best whether self or others are being served by our work?
6. What makes a job "Christian"?
7. What is a "bad" vocation? Name several.
8. Which is more important, pay or enjoyment of the job? Personal satisfaction or service rendered?
9. How much training or education should we be willing to work for?
10. What do you think is the best possible vocation?

it enhance his spiritual life and his cultural growth?

(e) *Value of the service rendered.* Is it a vocation that will be of service to both God and to man? Since our first earthly duty is to glorify God would this kind of work make it possible? The more successful we are, will it help others more? No job that harms or belittles others is a good one.

(f) *Preparation.* What kind and amount of education is required? Are we willing to "pay the price"?

(g) *Personal satisfaction and recompense.* Will this choice be one that will not only provide an adequate living but will it also afford deep satisfaction when it is accomplished? Can a life that is lived in following this vocation truly be offered as a "living sacrifice" unto God, which is but our "reasonable service"?

To The Glory Of God

Obviously every honest and good life work can be a Christian work, and it should be. The work greatly needs more Christian concern and practice in its commerce and industry. Never have we needed more Christian business men and women in all of the professions, trades, and crafts. Let every job be Christian that we may look to our Great Employer without shame or regret. Let the "one out of 20,000" be followed to the lasting Glory of God.

Do not overlook the possibility that a full-time "church vocation" may be the work to which the Heavenly Father may be calling. Full-time Christian Service answers all the above requirements and vastly more. To whatever He calls, be ready with "yes."

A SEED THOUGHT

In the choice of a vocation remember always that it is more important to make a life than to make a living.

OUR AIM

1. To see the great possibilities in vocational choice.
2. To get basic values for making a vocational decision.
3. To see what service to God and man involves.

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

A Big Field of Choice

There are 20,000 occupations listed by the Department of Labor. Some of them are pretty finely specialized to be sure. But the opportunity to choose a vocation that fits your personality and interest has never been as great as today.

Not too many decades ago, one's occupation was handed down from father to son. Life was relatively simple. Guidance and counseling in a vocational sense was unnecessary. But today we live in a complex urban-industrial society where the wisest can hardly grasp the implications of the decisions he is compelled to make.

This means that the problem of vocational selection demands wisdom beyond our years, that in addition we ought to avail ourselves of all the help the school, the church and our friends can furnish us.

Take A Look At Yourself

You ask, how can I know which is the right occupation for me when there are in existence some 20,000 different occupations? We'll admit it isn't simple. However, there are some steps which you can and must take:

1. You must know yourself: your background, abilities, interests and the type of personality traits you possess.

2. You must become familiar with the world of work: The kinds of work people engage in, the nature of the industries that have sprung up, those that are on the decline as well as those that are scheduled for future expansion.

3. You need to match your interests, abilities and personality to the demands of jobs which you are considering.

What are my interests?

How can I find out about them?

In order to find out about your interests why not ask yourself some questions:

a. Which high school subjects do I like best?

b. What kind of books do I usually read?

c. What sports or recreational activities do I prefer?

d. Do I have any hobbies? What are they?

e. Do I prefer working with people, or with things?

f. Am I happiest in the great outdoors, or can I be contented in an office or factory?

g. Am I scientifically, artistically or musically inclined?

h. Am I inclined to argue in order to maintain my position?

i. Do I like to work with numbers?

One Vocation Out of 20,000 Choices

I Corinthians 7:7; 12:1-11
(Vocations Day)



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These and many other questions should help you to discover what interests you possess. Besides, through reading, travel, visiting with successful business and professional people you can find out whether you possess the same interests as successful men in a given field. Furthermore, there are some very good interest inventories which may give additional insight into your likes and dislikes.

Things To Consider

1. Remember that the majority of high school students do not really know what they want to do. Those who think they know are likely to change their minds.

2. Don't allow anyone to force you into a position where you must make a quick decision.

3. You should make your choice in the light of basic principles for planning a career. You should be certain about your:

- a. *Deepest desires*
- b. *Real abilities* (not imagined)
- c. *Assets; strengths*
- d. *Liabilities; weaknesses*

4. Forget what your friends think you ought to do. Make up your own mind.

5. Don't be pushed just by big-sounding phrases. One of my acquaintances decided and declared to his associates that he was going into engineering. He lacked the rugged physique characteristic of those ordinarily selecting this profession. The outcome was that he spent two years in college taking courses which were of little value to him in the profession which he finally selected. So don't be pushed into a hurried decision. A more deliberate approach will save you much unhappiness in the future.

6. Money is important. All of us need it. But many young people make a serious mistake by permitting immediate financial considerations to overshadow the ultimate returns of an occupational choice.

Bible Portions

- M., Apr. 25. Talents Belong To God. I Peter 4:10, 11.
T., Apr. 26. A Christian Business Man. Philemon 1-6.
W., Apr. 27. A Woman In Business. Acts 16:14, 15.
T., Apr. 28. All To The Glory Of God. I Cor. 10:31.
F., Apr. 29. Called To Service. Matt. 19:16-22.
S., Apr. 30. A Price To Be Paid. Luke 14:25-33.
Sun., May 1. Topic—One Vocation Out of 20,000 Choices! Cor. 7:7; 12:1-11.
(Vocations Day)

7. Counsel with leaders who know vocations.

New Inventions Bring New Opportunities

Occupational fields are affected by inventions that can create a new industry rapidly. Television and the deep-freeze illustrate this. Changes in freight rates or development of a substitute product can destroy one job and create others.

The ebb and flow of prosperity can influence the luxury type of product over even a six-month period. War or the threat of war can create a labor shortage overnight.

Such rapid changes in industry call for a high degree of job versatility. Having wide interests has been found to be especially helpful when employment declines.

Don't Make Excuses

Many youth who should be studying and training for their life work point instead to one of the following factors as reasons why they cannot: *Too busy. No cash. Parents don't want it.*

We must be certain that these are not mere excuses. The lazy or inefficient use of time, the worship of money, or the futile pursuit of approval must not take the initiative from us.

Persons often say that lack of money stands between them and an adequate education. Actually most youth earn part of their college money while at school. Scholarships are available each year. The registrar of the college can give information about them.

Many obstacles can be overcome when you finally choose your career and determine the next steps ahead, one by one. But first, let's get an over-all look at the career of your choice.

Christian Vocations

Usually we use the term "Christian vocations" to stand for what should probably be called "church vocations," that is, they are kinds of life work within the church. It may be that this limits our thought too much, for there are some vocations outside the church (medicine, social service work, teaching) that might have high Christian content, and there are many borderline vocations.

The Commission on Vocations of a recent Conference was probably right when it said: "One can always be of service, both within and without his work. He can live

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Parents Can Be Our Friends

Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 4:1-13; 23:22-26
(Christian Home Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— MAY 8 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

The emphasis today is on home and family. This is a good subject for analysis from time to time. Too frequently we take too much for granted. The leader of this meeting has much material with which to work. A meeting that is "different" will be relatively easy. It may well be a time to invite parents and to prepare for their coming. A flower may be given to each mother or parent. Appropriate decorations can readily be arranged. The parents themselves can enter into the discussion and make clear their hopes and aims, their duties and responsibilities. This can be a very fruitful experience for young people and parents alike.

On the other hand this can be a meeting when the youngsters really "take themselves apart" in the confidence of their own group. They can well examine themselves as to why they do or don't do certain things in response to parental requirement or expectation. If the meeting is of this type, lead the group to be very severe with themselves. They have probably criticized the older folks enough already. Then, too, if this is the type planned for this evening be sure to set up some other program to include the families, either for a Sunday meeting soon or for a social occasion. Strive to cultivate a better understanding and comradeship between parents and youth. This can be a pivotal point in the home life of some of your Endeavorers. It can ease some very unhappy parental hearts! Keep the emphasis on the Christian home.

Parents Can Be Our Friends

They really can, and usually they are willing to go much further to prove it than their bewildering offspring. Good parents want to be close to their children, to be their friends in a genuine kind of way, and to do the right thing themselves. Too often they are uncertain how to approach their children, once they

A SEED THOUGHT
"An ounce of Mother is worth a pound of clergy."

—Spanish Proverb.

appear to have grown up. They want to do the right thing for their children's welfare and reputation, and often become blind to the effect on the youth themselves. Unfortunately, we human beings don't seem to acquire adequate wisdom until our children are grown beyond the acute need for it.

Parents however can be our "friends," and if we build on the above-stated desire, they probably will be. Someone has said, "To be a friend, one must first be friendly." To cultivate comradeship we must first be understanding and "friendly" ourselves.

We Enjoy Our Friends

Home life can be joyous and inspiring, entertaining and instructive, reassuring and spiritually helpful. It is designed to be a wonderful, satisfying experience. Young people who are willing to discipline themselves to be as "good sports" in their homes as well as with those outside, find a great joy. Commonly parents go more than half way to provide a home full of blessings for their children. Young people should assuredly respond in the same spirit. The too-busy, impolite, snorting attitude of many teen-agers is not conducive to this kind of fellowship. We should be on our "best behavior" with the home folks always.

Perhaps one of the greatest lessons we have to learn is that home is a pleasant place to be, that parents can be interesting, and that in the long run this company will be more valued than that of outsiders. Give the folks a break. Learn how to enjoy them as we enjoy our friends.

What Is Our Part?

Often we hear that we owe a debt to our parents—and we do. It is often difficult to determine how to pay that debt. In the words of Scripture, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." We want to do right, but sometimes find it very difficult. Our duty to our homes is rather clear cut. We owe our parents obedience and respect. How often we hear grown-up young people express thanks that parents have enforced obedience, even to rules that seemed too restrictive at the time. Take the long view; try to see the results, not just the present inconvenience.

Then, too, we owe a debt of courtesy to our families. This applies every day in the home—even to brothers, sisters. It is inexcusable to see a teen-ager in a group of friends snub his or her parents. A friendly greeting, or wave of farewell, or even a kiss if that is the family custom, is a must. Don't be apologetic about the family! The rest of the gang won't think they're old fuddy-duddies unless you make it appear so. When they're around, make 'em important, build them up in the sight of the crowd. Your friends will respect you more and your parents will experience a warm glow of gratitude.

Include the family in your week's schedule. At least two nights should be spent with

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To give a practical observance of Mother's Day.
2. To help us understand how parents and children can work together happily, each respecting the other's rights.
3. To show us how Christian comradeship can thrive between the young and the older.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Which is the better relationship between parents and children, friendliness and understanding or fear and respect? Why?
2. Are your parents your "friends"?
3. Why is your answer to the above question true? How do you judge?
4. How can home be fun?
5. Should parents and children compromise on disputed matters? To what degree?
6. At what age should children "do as they please"? Would this be your answer if you were the parent?
7. Could your parents honestly say you are friendly with them? What is the reason?
8. What are some ways of making our families closer?
9. Can you, and will you, earnestly try to bring these ideas into your own home now?
10. What should we expect of parents? What can they expect of us?

them, more if required, or possible. Family dates are fun. Make plans in advance to go places of interest together. Even "double dates" with your parents are happy times for normal young people and adults. If this seems ridiculous, examine yourself; something is wrong with you. "Family Nights" at home, when all members hold the date and participate, offer wonderful possibilities. There are scores of interesting things that can be done, from Scrabble to a family orchestra or "barbershop quartet." How about joining forces in hobbies, such as collecting of coins, stamps, stones, ores, buttons, postmarks, birds, butterflies, antiques, etc. (add your own hobby). Share your interests. Perhaps a family "hobby show" could be set up, either for your own amusement or to share with neighbors or others.

To sum it all up, how can we pay the "debt" we owe our parents? Simply by love, endless love. This will include courtesy toward them, interest in their interests, concern with their feelings, and all. "Love never faileth." (Read the rest of I Corinthians 13 using "love" for "charity." It will give many good ideas for our family relationships.) Love without ceasing—and act like it wherever you are.

Bible Passages

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| M., May 2. | The Mother of Moses. | Exodus 2:1-10. |
| T., May 3. | The Mother of Samuel. | I Sam. 1:11, 26-28. |
| W., May 4. | The Father of Jonathan. | I Sam. 20:30-34. |
| T., May 5. | The Father of Jesus. | Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23. |
| F., May 6. | A Certain Nobleman. | John 4:46-53. |
| S., May 7. | Jesus And The Father. | John 5:17-31. |
| Sun., May 8. | Topic—Parents Can Be Our Friends. Eph. 6:1-4; Prov. 4:1-13; 23:22-26.
(Christian Home Sunday) | |

OUR AIMS

1. To observe Christian Family Week properly.
2. To see parents as friends.
3. To understand what is involved in dating.

QUESTIONS:

1. How can parents be friends of youth?
2. How can we help to make the atmosphere of our home friendly?
3. What can Intermediate age youth do on a date to make it interesting?
4. Mary and Bob in the 9th grade are always together. They don't care about making other friends. Are they pursuing the right course?
5. What was the most interesting thing you with your family ever did together?
6. Would like the Christian Endeavor to spend a number of weeks on a boy-girl relations course?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

You Belong To a Family

One of the most significant groups of which we are a part is the family. There are times when our families are problems. They hold us back, limit our freedom, give us responsibilities, and seem to get in our way a bit—particularly when we have to deal up with the "kid sister" or younger brother!

But by and large the family is a pretty wonderful group. Through it, we have a chance to share and to grow. The family helps us with our problems, gives us counsel and guidance, and through it all provides an atmosphere of love and understanding which can mean more through the years than anything else.

During *Christian Family Week* Christian Endeavor will focus its thinking on the relationship between young people and their families, and how the church can work with young people and the family to realize the possibilities of Christian fellowship.

You are an important person in your family. You can help it to be a place where the spirit of love is so real that growth can take place in the presence of the normal tensions which develop in group relationships.

Families Form a Team

Members of a family form a team. Ideally, it is a closely knit team in which each member is interested in the welfare of the others. That is probably the major difference between a family circle and a boarding house. Family life is usually richer and happier when we share our experiences freely and frankly with one another. Such sharing ties the family together into a satisfying circle of happy living.

Most dads and mothers, thus, are interested in our friends. They want to know the kind of a fellow or girl with whom we are going. They have a real concern for our companions. They would like to bridge the gap between the teen-age world and parental world and save you some hardumps.

Parents aren't just trying to put the squeeze on you to find out where you are going on a date, or fix hours on how late

Boy Meets Girl -- Plus Parents

Genesis 24:61-67; Ephesians 6:1-4

(Christian Home Sunday)



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you can stay out. Good parents want their children to be happy. They want to save their children pitfalls that may ruin their happiness.

Youth Want Friends

Yet young people want friends. What does *friendship* mean? It comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning *to love*. A friend is one to whom we give love and who gives love in return. Because of the pressure upon us to be top man or woman on the popularity totem pole, our motive for wanting friends is something less than love. We want friends for what they can give us. Our reason is more self-centered than love-centered. Hence we sometimes take up with people who are not worthy of us. A great many questions develop in this realm. Let us list them. (Spend time discussing each question.)

Dating

1. *What is dating?* It is the period of less serious contacts with persons of the opposite sex.

2. *What is the purpose of dating?* To get acquainted with a considerable number of persons of the opposite sex.

3. *How much should one date?* At the younger age, a good deal and with many different people, so as to develop skills and to learn what boys and girls are like.

4. *How early should one go steady?* Usually not until he or she has dated a number of persons.

5. *What can be done about the unfortunate practice of labeling a girl as belonging to Bill after he has dated her a time or two?*

6. *What can we do on a date?* Where can we go? What are the wholesome opportunities in your community? What can young people do along the lines of being creative?

7. *How should we conduct ourselves on a date?* How familiar or intimate may we be? What about holding hands, caressing, or petting? Since the dating period is "less serious," certainly such intimacies should be limited. These actions can hardly be serious or sincere, and they may cheapen the whole experience.

Let Your Parents In On The Date

Most parents are awaiting the return of Intermediate age youth from a date. They are happy to have the young people "raid the ice box." If you have time to stir up some fudge, go to it. If you are early enough to have a chat with the family, that's a fine way to become acquainted. If you have time to listen to the radio or watch TV, or time to sit down for a while and bring the evening to a close, use it to good advantage.

The warmth of the home will warm most fellows' hearts. Above all, if he is the kind of boy for whom you have respect a few minutes spent in the home will do much to increase his feelings for you and your family. This goes a long way in promising future dates and happiness in the days ahead.

Suggestions

Set up a panel discussion, using the boys and girls in your group. Discuss each question in the panel and then open the discussion to the rest of the group.

If possible, prepare a little questionnaire, using each of the questions in the box at the top of column one on this page. Leave enough space between each question so that opinions can be written on the paper. Then make a tabulation and use them at the meeting as a basis for discussion. This should be done at least one week before the meeting. It will create interest and insure attendance.

It might be helpful to have a panel discussion made up of young people and parents of these young people. This will help to bridge the gap of misunderstanding between the two generations. It might be helpful in setting up patterns of community standards which will make dating more appreciated and understood by the whole community.

You might like to plan your meeting in a home instead of the church this evening. Or a tea at the church for Christian Endeavor members' parents would be timely.

Worship

Read the 13th Chapter of I Corinthians for some suggestions on the real meaning of love. Use one of the modern translations.

Use Psalm 1 for a responsive reading.

Hymn Suggestions: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Since Jesus Is My Friend," "Love Divine, All Love Excelling."

Pamphlets

Ralph G. Eckert, "So You Think It's Love," Public Affairs Pamphlet 161.

Lester A. Kirkendall, "Dating Days," Science Research Associates.

Messages From The Bible

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| M., May 2. | The Courtship of Isaac. | Genesis 21:6-17. |
| T., May 3. | The Courtship of Jacob. | Genesis 29:1-35. |
| W., May 4. | Ruth Gets A Husband. | Ruth 4:9-13. |
| T., May 5. | A Law To Reverence. | Exodus 20:14. |
| F., May 6. | Moses Given a Wife. | Exodus 2:21. |
| S., May 7. | Love That Sticks. | I Cor. 13:4-7. |
| Sun., May 8. | Topic—Boy Meets Girl—Plus Parents. | Genesis 24:61-67; Eph. 6:1-4.
(Christian Home Sunday) |



Take A Look at the City!

No. 1 in a Series: "Home Missions"

Matthew 9:36-38; Luke 19:41-44

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— MAY 15 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

For two weeks Home Missions will be studied as a unit. The emphasis this year is based on "The City." This week we shall take a look at urban life, becoming aware of its problems and needs. Next week we shall discuss ways the Church could solve these city problems.

There are several helpful books available. Three of these are: *When Your Home Is In The City* by Lucy M. Eldredge, *Look At The City* by Janette T. Harrington, and *Man And God In The City* by Miller. Make these and others available to the members if possible.

Those who live in cities may perhaps already have a keen realization of their own needs. On the other hand they may be surprised that the majority of city people face such problems. Country folk may receive an entirely new outlook on "city life." Especially is this true of those who dream of some day living in the city.

Try to think of some way of giving the room a city atmosphere. There are a number of ways this would be done, by preparing the room to look like a small apartment room, a side walk in the slums, etc. Perhaps a silhouette of a big city sky-line could be prepared and used across the front of the room; both this week and next. Put your own imagination to work after studying the topic.

People Of The City

"It takes all kinds of people to make a world" the popular saying goes, and without any doubt we find all kinds of people in a city. There is the slum dweller, the average working man, and those who live "on the avenue." Let us look at some of these people.

More than 88,000,000 of the people in the United States live in cities. More than half of

Daily Bible Readings

- M., May 9. A Pool In The City. John 5:2-5.
- T., May 10. Prayer In The City Jail. Acts 16:12, 23, 25-28.
- W., May 11. Events In Damascus. Acts 9:6-22.
- T., May 12. The Importance of Bethany. John 11: 12:1-9.
- F., May 13. A Citizen Named Cornelius. Acts 10:1-48.
- S., May. 14. The New Jerusalem. Rev. 22:1-2.
- Sun., May 15. Topic—Take A Look at the City! Matt. 9:36-38; Luke 19:41-44.

these live in cities with a population over 100,000. This average would vary somewhat in Canada, but the problems are similar. When you consider such large numbers in one city there can not possibly be much distinction between individuals walking in one city block. Each one passes and meets others like so many blocks of wood bumping and jogging along a logging stream.

It is a common sight in some sections to see adults or children digging in refuse containers for any item of "value." Often even food is the object. One need travel only two or three blocks to meet one policeman after another. Children play on the streets for lack of yards. Men lie on doorsteps and on sidewalks as others pass by without interest. Men, young and old, gather in gambling and game rooms for their only known entertainment. Foreigners are isolated from others by a "strange tongue." Young girls share small apartments near their work. Young men and women frequently find walking in the park is their only form of recreation or way of getting a breath of fresh air. The familiar corner stands are the stations for vendors of fruit, nuts, flowers, pop corn, and scores of novelties.

Sights Of The City

Some city scenes are beautiful and interesting. Others are ugly and distasteful. Let's look at a few!

One of the first things noticed upon arrival in a city is people and cars moving in all directions, and tall buildings standing awesomely still. As one begins to look about more carefully many other things can be noted. Beautiful shop windows attract the eye. Monumental statues often recall a familiar story to mind. Iron bars and the noise of many animals makes one picture happy children in the zoo. This reminds us of the city's annual circus. Buildings open to tourists are familiar sights, sometimes with lines of people awaiting the guided tour. Flashing multi-colored fluorescent lights are typical of every city. Industrial lights bring another portion of the city into focus. The terrible power and thrust of the factories is awe-inspiring. Sad but true, no city is complete without the city dump, those vast wilderness areas of waste. They are often the home of wretched, broken men who find refuge in their "jungle" shacks. Houses are so close together that family arguments and the disciplining of children can be overheard. Moving vans are often seen backed up to the same door time after time, without anyone knowing who the tenants are or have been. Churches of many denominations are found in the same blocks. Ambulances, emergency vehicles and fire engines scream up the streets and around the corners.

Problems and Needs of The City

Cities and their people have many varied

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To become aware of the problem and needs of the city dweller.
2. To learn more about city people and their environs.

TALK IT OVER

1. Are there more problems in the city, than in the country? Why?
2. What are the advantages of living in the city? The disadvantages?
3. List some of the people and sights seen in the city not found in the country.
4. List the problems and needs of the city that seem important to you.
5. What is the greatest human problem anywhere?
6. Jesus "wept over Jerusalem. Would He weep over your city today? For what reasons?
7. Make a list of the problems of your community.
8. What can God's people do to help in all of these problems?

problems. Their needs are legion. Let us look at just a few of these, also.

The pressure of business haunts many and prevents normal living, as they strive to go ahead. Barriers of race, social status, and limited incomes keep families from knowing and associating with each other. Suspicion and fear overcome neighborly inclinations. People move in and out of homes and apartments so rapidly that they do not get to know neighbors, and do not care to. Some unstable wanderers walk the streets with an attitude "live for self and today." There are always those on the way to "make a fast buck." The variety of denominations, the multitudes of churches, and their hugeness causes confusion. Many do not worship at all because of the unfriendliness. Many may attend a hour's service only and have no further part in the fellowship of Christ's people. Because of city conditions church doors are often closed when they could be of help to a stranger. One can attend a city church regularly for months and not know any of the people, often not even the minister. In this modern day, in the age of production, many men and women are not able to get to a worship service because of shift work. Elderly people who are retired or cannot secure jobs can be seen wandering the streets for lack of something to do, somewhere to go; sometimes even for lack of something to eat. Young mothers give birth to babies day after day and have no idea how to care for them. They have no friends to counsel them or to help. Service men wander the streets of strange cities with no one to entertain them and make them feel at home. "Displaced Persons," the increasing number of Puerto Ricans, and countless others, lack fellowship with fellow human beings because of race or language differences. Veteran hospitals, mental hospitals, jails, and other institutions house lonely men and women who need fellowship with the outside world. An increasing need is felt in ministering to the needs of the elderly folk who make up such a great part of our population.

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A SEED THOUGHT

Jesus Christ is the answer to every problem wherever you may be located.

OUR AIM

1. To share in the home mission emphasis on "The City."
2. To become aware of the problems in the city.
3. To learn about people in the city.

Comments by Raymond M. Veb
aterials Needed

The book *They Live in the City* by Mary Lago. This contains stories of junior high activities in various urban situations, illustrated with photographs of junior highs on churches in St. Louis.

The book *When Your Home Is in the City* contains excellent background information. Filmstrips are also available.

A presentation of this is made in the chapter entitled *The City* in the book *When Your Home Is in the City*, edited by Lucy Eldredge and published by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ. This and other materials by the JCMC may be secured at denominational bookstores.

City Story, the most recent motion picture in the home missions series, deals with the problems of the big city church, once located in the heart of the most fashionable section of town and supported by a well-do congregation, but now surrounded by business and slums.

City Story tells a moving tale of a young girl, once part of a Youth Fellowship in her home town church, who finds no companionship when her family moves to a rooming house in the big city. Instead, she finds friends who soon involve her with the police.

The picture runs for 44 minutes, which is an excellent length for an evening when discussion from the viewers is sought. The film will find a ready reception among small town and rural churches as well as those of the bigger cities because the problems described are those which call for help from

Christians Everywhere Advance Preparation

Have the members of the Christian Endeavor prepared for the topic before they get to the meeting. This will help you and will make them much more interested. Some hints? Well, how about a news coverage program? Instruct several members of the Christian Endeavor to find in the newspapers of the past week, some incident that happened or is happening in the city near you, of which you are interested in. For example: a race riot, a new express highway project, low-rent housing development, teenage hoodlumism. Let the "reporters" give the "news" and then comment on the facts behind the news.

How do these problems start?
What is the city doing about it?
How is the church helping?

Get Facts

Assign questions of interest that may be answered from an encyclopedia or from a teacher at school.

Take A Look at the City!

No. 1 in a Series: "Home Missions"

Matthew 9:36-38; Luke 19:41-44



— MAY 15 —

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

- (1) How many Americans live in the city?
- (2) How fast are our cities growing?
- (3) How many city-dwellers are unchurched?
- (4) How many new churches are needed immediately?
- (5) How many Americans move every year?

If you can't employ the research technique for this quiz, make it a guessing game. Here are the answers for your benefit: (1) Half of America lives in cities of 50,000 or more. (2) From 1940 to 1950, four-fifths of the population growth in America occurred in cities of 50,000 or more. (3) Forty-two million Americans living in cities are completely unchurched. (4) The United States will need one thousand new churches each year for the next ten years just to take care of people who move to new dwellings. (5) Every year, one out of five families move to a new location. If ministers called upon every family moving into a different residence, in a year the pastors in this country would make eight and a half million visits to new prospects.

Meet The People In The City

Take the Intermediates on a trip of several blocks around a city church. Note the different kinds of people who surround the church. The city is crowded with people, but no one says "Hello." So many of them speak different languages. All of them seem to be in a hurry. They all are minding their own business and "No one cares about me."

How many different groups of people can you name in the average city? Note how widely separated these classes are. They eat in different places. They work at widely differing jobs. They go to a different kind of a community when they go home at night. They engage in entirely different types of recreation. Do they also go to different churches—if they go? Does your church have a certain class of people in it? Would your church welcome a wealthy executive? How about a Puerto Rican migrant worker's family?

Daily Readings

- M., May 9. A Pool In The City. John 5:2-5.
T., May 10. Prayer In The Jail. Acts 16:12, 23, 25-28.
W., May 11. Events In Damascus. Acts 9:6-22.
T., May 12. The Importance of Bethany. John 11: 12:1-9.
F., May 13. A Citizen Named Cornelius. Acts 10:1-48.
S., May 14. The New Jerusalem. Rev. 22:1-2.
Sun., May 15. Topic—Take A Look At The City. Matthew 9:36-38; Luke 19:41-44.

Problems In The City

See how many problems relating just to law and order you can mention that may arise in the city. Now multiply these by the problems of housing, education and recreation. How is the church, in a down-to-earth practical way ministering to these problems? Can the program of a Christian Endeavor actually stop a local delinquency problem? Could your Christian Endeavor program? Are we interested in teen-age problems in our cities in a curious, sight-seer fashion; or are we enough concerned that we would gear our program to reach the rowdies and the gangs in a redemptive fashion?

Projects

1. Plan to make a tour of the undesirable spots in your community, or in a nearby city, with the whole Christian Endeavor in the caravan. Spot for yourselves the areas of need, especially those in which your group might be able to help. Then adopt this for a year-round mission project. You can surely help, if it is only providing recreation for neighborhood youngsters several afternoons a week.

2. Plan a field trip to some established mission area, such as a visit to Salvation Army headquarters, Fellowship House, etc.

3. Use this Prize-Winning Hymn on

PRAISE TO THEE, O GOD, FOR CITIES

By Rolland W. Schloerb, D.D.

Praise to thee, O God, for cities;
Praise for sturdy pioneers—
Men whose toil and faith undaunted
Built our cities through the years;
Theirs to wrestle with the forest
For man's future dwelling place;
Theirs to change the lonely prairie
Into homes for every race.

Praise to thee for life together—
Man's desire to share with friends

Daily joys and aspirations
While their common prayer ascends.
Praise to thee for throb of engine
With its power to banish night,
Taking warmth to countless shelters,
Speeding songs for our delight.

Praise to thee, O. God, for cities
Waking in the minds of men—
Cities we have never builded,

Glimpsed afar, beyond our ken.
Praise to thee for men now striving,
Roused from their complacent rest,
Strong to build thee nobler cities
Worthy of the Christian quest.

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God's People at Work in the City

No. 2 in a Series: "Home Missions"

Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 8:4-8

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— MAY 22 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

Today we conclude the topic unit "Home Missions." Last week we "took a look" at the city. Today we turn to the practical aspect of our religion and study the subject "God's People at Work in the City." Last time many problems of the city were raised as a "trip" was made hurriedly through. Now we may consider how these needs are being met or how we may strive to meet them. The leader should acquaint himself with the problems both by a careful study of last Sunday's material and by supplementary reading. Among the books recommended are *When Your Home Is In The City* by Lucy M. Eldredge, (an especially good presentation is made in her chapter *The City*); *Look at the City* by Janette T. Harrington; and *Man And God In The City* by Miller. These and others should be made available to the members. Perhaps the pastor can suggest or loan others.

As suggested last week, decorations will add to the meeting. A silhouette of a city skyline could be used across the front of the room, etc. The leader should endeavor to bring out the means by which God's people can help meet the acute problems of our day, especially in city life. For those not interested in the city aspect, consider the whole in the light of your own community. Take an imaginary trip there and delineate the problems. Then strive to determine how the Christian people of your own area can solve these local disturbances.

People and Sights of The City

Last week we took a long look at city life in a rather panoramic view. Many of the people characteristic to urban life were described. The very sight of many is sufficient to arouse pity and concern. Many of the typical sights of big city life were touched upon. For one accustomed to the city it was a familiar kind of picture. Probably for those fortunate enough to live in

A SEED THOUGHT

"Christians are weighed, not counted, when their influence is considered."

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To review the problems of city people.

2. To consider how the people of God can change things for the better.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the greatest problem of your community?

2. If your home is the city, how many of the services mentioned in this topic are you rendering? What others?

3. Which is the greatest responsibility for the Church, the young people adults, or the aged? Why?

4. What could your church do for the elderly people of your town? For the children?

5. How could we sponsor a Displaced Person?

6. Should the church be open daily for prayer and meditation?

7. What is the responsibility of God's people in any community problem?

8. Would you rather be a Christian worker in the city or in the country? Give thoughtful reasons.

rural sections or in the warm friendliness of village life, it was a surprising design. "Lo the poor city dweller" may well be one's expression of sympathy for those who live in the bustling, cold confusion of "Big Town."

Towering above the rush of city dwellers, and above most of the buildings, stand countless steeples of churches. What a heartening sight this is, for it reminds us that the church is ever with us, ready to serve. It is the assurance that God's people are at work in the city. The Gospel is thus able to work its miracles when it is applied.

Problems and News Of The City

Many problems are revealed by our examination of city life. In broad general division they fall into two classes. These can best be met by a sociological ministry, concerned with the body and physical life, and by a spiritual ministry concerned with the things of the spirit.

Let's consider the age groups and their needs, beginning with the little ones. The Church can give great help in this direction. Pre-natal clinics and counseling can be provided for expectant mothers. Well-baby clinics can help give a fair start in life for infants. Many churches sponsor these regularly. As the children grow, new needs are felt. Especially where mothers have to work, daily nursery schools are a blessing. Churches are well able to provide this service, perhaps even gain profit by it. These are often paying ventures as well as rendering helpful service.

When we enter into the field of adolescence and youth, there are countless projects that should be the concern of God's people. A well-planned program of Christian Endeavor will bless both church and community. Boy and Girl Scouts units should be sponsored and adequately supported. Recreational and educational programs, together with the foregoing, will do much to combat juvenile delinquency. Recently a famous Boy Scout executive began his address to a local Council with these words "Greetings to the parents of 78,000 boys who are *not* juvenile delinquents." He then proceeded to show how Scouting and allied programs insure against this tendency.

Friendly programs for service men in the area, with home contacts for them, are helpful. They are merely "young men in uniform" and need the Christian concern our own boys need. Clubs and other social activities can be provided also for other young men and women employed in strange towns. Loneliness is a deep ache indeed.

One of the thoughtful gestures that churches have made in this "new world" of ours is the providing of special worship services for shift workers who cannot attend at reg-

ular hours. Especially at holiday seasons and for Holy Communion this is appreciated.

A neglected though important area concern for the people of God is in work with the aged. An increasing percentage of our population is over 65 years of age. The opportunities for employment or recreation are very few. "Golden Age Clubs," "Over 60" Clubs, Retired Men's group, etc., are taking up a little of this slack, but not enough. Probably the best work here is being done by the Salvation Army. If possible, help them in their programs. Give thought to the needs of these old sheep of our folds, and plan for the happiness of their declining years.

Another way the Church may help meet the contemporary urban problems is by greater work with and for Displaced Persons. These who come from lands of oppression deserve our understanding and help. Inquire what can be done in this field.

An active part should be taken by the Church and by individual Christians in the control of alcohol and of narcotics and tobacco today. Education in these things, and in their dangers should be emphasized. Control must be exercised over improper advertising on television, radio and in print.

While the foregoing are mostly in the physical realm they all relate to our concern for the souls of men. Counselling should be available at all times. Dynamic preaching and faithful Bible teaching can work its miracles. The ministry of *all* of God's people must be to those on "both sides of the tracks," those of every class, creed, race and color. The doors of Christ's Church should be open daily, that those distressed in spirit may enter and pray; perhaps they will return in worship and serve. Christians are the light of the world. Are we making a positive witness for the Lord Jesus?

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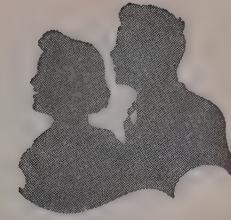
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OUR AIM

1. To continue the home mission emphasis on "The City."
2. To see what Christians are doing to help meet the problems of people in the city.
3. To understand the challenge of the city to today's church and Christian Endeavor.

God's People at Work in the City



No. 2 in a Series: "Home Missions"

Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 8:4-8

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

— MAY 22 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

The Leader

Secure from your pastor information on specialized mission work in the city nearest you. Are there foreign-speaking churches, immigrant worker ministries, or specialized ministries to the unfortunate? The Salvation Army will be glad to give you information on their work.

Write to the Department of Home Missions of your denomination for information on mission work in the city.

Last week we described the city; its milling throngs a seething melting-pot of people. These people have problems; they create problems. In the midst of this bee-hive crowd of humanity there stands the church. What is the church's responsibility?

The Church's Responsibility

Before we begin, it might be well to ask the question: "Does our group understand the nature of the church and its essential job?" To many of us, the church is a building on the corner of the street; or the church is particularly a branch or group of believers called a denomination. For many youth, "church" was that which followed right after Sunday school. Just what is the church? (Get spontaneous definitions from the group).

When we say that the church is a place of worship, or a beautiful building, or denomination, or possibly a place for good wholesome fellowship, or a place where we go to hear lifting sermons; we do not say all that we mean by *Church*. *Church* is more. (Let your group wrestle with this definition for quite a while.) After some discussion they likely will decide that a church is really people. A church is not a church apart from people. What are the people doing?

The Church's Work

Too often the church goes about its business—or its program, as it is called—regularly holding get-togethers for the small groups of friendly people separated into classes; meeting Sunday after Sunday in accepted social respectability to worship; pitying the poor heathen in some foreign land or some distant area of our country by taking special offerings; rarely ever seeing the places of need in its own neighborhood. Foreign-born persons flood the squalid slum areas; the city prepares to clear the sections. Teen-agers get into trouble; the service clubs begin to build recreation halls. Children roam the streets; the veterans' organizations start midget sport leagues. Dope is discovered in the high school; a citizens' committee goes into operation. Alcoholism and mental disease take their toll of society; private foundations are set up to cope with these problems. Aren't any of these the church's responsibility?

Because the church cannot help in some big, all-inclusive way, is that a good reason

for not helping at all? My church will not solve all the problems my city produces; but what about the family just a few blocks away, or that boy in with the wrong gang, who lives just across the street? Aren't these samples of the city's greatest problems—living within walking distance from the church? Are these the church's responsibility; or shall we wait for community help?

(At this point you might suggest that your group make a list of the particular problems that they are aware of in your community. Put the list on the blackboard for all to see. Discuss how many, and to what extent, these are your responsibility. Ask for suggestions as to how a small youth group might help.

Why Did Jesus Weep Over The City?

"Could He not see what the others saw? Could He not see the streets filled with people come to keep the great religious feast? Could he not see the white marble mansions of the merchants of that far-off day? Could He not see the temple upon the crown of the hill, its gilded dome gleaming and shining in the morning sunlight and a spiral column of smoke rising from the altar toward heaven? Yes, He could see all these things; yet there He stood, his face wet with a flood of tears. Why?

"Because, while He beheld what the others saw, He also penetrated beyond and beneath to the city of pretence, sin and shame. He saw the city as one that had the opportunity to accept Him and His message. He saw, as it were on the skyline, the army of a foreign foe besetting the doomed city closely and still more closely until the walls were battered down, and the citizens slain or scattered abroad. And seeing the real city, He sobbed in deep anguish of spirit."

Daniel L. Marsh.

Report on Projects

Last week we listed several projects. Have a report on what your group has done on them.

Begin to plan now for a picnic this summer for underprivileged children in the community. You can get the names from Child Welfare agencies. Make sure each Christian Endeavor member goes to the homes to pick up the children he is taking care of for the afternoon.

Making Our Community Better

Last week in our topic discussion we got a realistic picture of our community. Tonight we want to build on that picture and see how the Church can be a vital factor in making our cities better. For good communities do not just happen. They are built by planning and work.

The first thing to be done in making the community better is to recognize where it needs improving. The second step is to find points at which we, as individuals or as a Christian Endeavor group can help to make it better—because there are some things we can do, and others that we can't. So here are some thought-stimulating questions for you to really wrestle with:

1. In what ways could our cities be made more attractive?
2. Would our cities be better if they provided better recreational opportunities for youth? How?
3. Should the churches in our community provide more good times for youth?
4. Who chooses the movies that are shown in our community?
5. Are the motion pictures shown in our community of low or average standard?
6. Do the ideas of the best-thinking people get carried out in government and laws? If not, what is the reason?
7. Are the best men chosen as officials?
8. Do you see one thing you yourself could do to help make the community better?
9. Is there one thing that your Christian Endeavor could do to help improve the community?

Use a blackboard and put down definite suggestions as given in answering the last two questions. Then let the group discuss the lists. Spend time in deciding on a definite project which will bring to bear on the community the impact of the group's Christian witness.

The Church's Resources

If the church is people, and the church's responsibility is people, the church's resource is people. (This is oversimplified.) Money and clothing and food and a place to live and play and education: all these seem necessary to wrestle with these areas of need; but the most important thing is a group of people with a concern.

The church has its organized resources in many cities in many phases of work. See if your group can name special church agencies working with various types of people.

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We Remember Heroes of Faith and Peace

Hebrews 11:7-10; Romans 12:16-18

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

— MAY 29 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

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The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

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Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

The leader of this meeting will use his own judgment as to the particular emphasis to give it. In the United States, and wherever Memorial Day or "Decoration Day" is observed, that may well be included and emphasized. In Canada and other lands where this observance comes at a different time, this will of course be postponed.

In all the realm of Christian Endeavor, however, the basic meaning of the topic will provide challenging and fruitful material for all. The emphasis is on heroes. The type of hero we honor today is of even greater stature than those of military or political fame. Today we give thought to the honoring of those who have distinguished themselves in peace, and in peaceful pursuits. The leader should try to bring out the realization that these are the ones who have made America great, and the world better. Point out the various classes of heroes and their contributions. There are those who have made peace instead of war. Try to learn about the winners of the Nobel Peace Awards. There are heroes of the Christian faith, such as founders of the various churches, missionaries, great ministers or other leaders. There are also the heroes of science and education; many have given life, or health that others might be benefited. Think of these and others; trying to make them real to your society.

Heroes Are Made Not Born

According to the dictionary, one of the leading definitions of a hero is "a person of

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AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To give proper honor to those who have distinguished themselves in helpful pursuits.

2. To help us understand true greatness.

DISCUSS AND REMEMBER

1. What is a hero?

2. Why are the heroes of peace greater than those of war?

3. Which help the world most, those who achieve conspicuously in the physical realm or in the spiritual? Why?

4. How many winners of the Nobel Peace Prize can you name? (as many as the generals you can remember?)

5. Name some great evangelist. Then some outstanding missionaries. Give their fields and their achievements.

6. How many truly great scientists can you name?

7. Whom do you consider the greatest hero in the world today?

8. Who has been the greatest personal blessing to you? Do you consider this person a hero?

9. What are the standards of true greatness for a man or woman?

10. Are you willing to be "great" by the standards of Jesus, as given in Matthew 20: 26-28? and in Matthew 6: 33?

Huss, to Calvin and Knox and Wesley? True they lighted anew the fires of Christianity—and some were consumed by those very flames. Think too of the heads of the great denominations, both of the past and present. Give place of reknown to the splendid evangelists and missionaries of a day gone by, who brought the nation and the world to its knees before the throne of the Lord Christ. Today Billy Graham and many others are holding the cause to repentance before a world that is dizzy with its own sin, fearful of its own folly. These are the heroes in God's sight, for they have followed the will of God, with no thought of cost to self.

In our own ranks of Christian Endeavor we have heroes of high degree; daily they do their unselfish work for Christ and the Church. They are in our own Church. On the world front, Christendom has known a greater figure than our own World's Union President, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, a true prince of the pulpit. Finally—and he is mentioned last only that our remembrance may be carried forth from this topic—one of the great modern heroes of the Cross was the one who until a few months ago so nobly carried the title of President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan. A young man who already accomplished much, Dr. Bryan has been called to the great Commission where our righteous Lord places forever the crown of victory on the brow of those who have been faithful. He, like his predecessor in the faith, attempted much for God and achieved more. Let us follow in his path, upon which we clearly trace the footsteps of our Master.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Bravery is not the lack of fear, but rather doing what one is afraid to do."

OUR AIMS

1. To observe Memorial Day properly.
2. To recall those who have contributed largely to peace.
3. To appreciate that there are heroes of faith.

QUESTIONS:

1. "Heroes are made—not born," but it takes a born-again experience to make a hero of peace. Explain.
2. What is the basis of real peace in the heart?
3. Does the peace in the heart make difference in how we treat others when they differ with us?
4. How may you demonstrate this peace to a neighbor who does not like the church and criticizes the Christians?
5. How far-reaching is our testimony to be? How do we make it known to the nations?
6. Is it possible to have such a peaceful heart that military powers cannot overthrow it?
7. In what way can a peacemaker serve his nation better?
8. Are there opportunities in your school life where you may testify in action what you experience in heart? Explain.
9. If you find a spirit of retaliation in your heart, what do you think is the heroic thing to do about it as you think of what Christ died to do for you?

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Reader's Introduction

Great monuments are erected and fine memorials constructed in honor of war heroes. May 30 is set aside in memory of our nation's fighting men. It seems fitting, therefore, to turn our attention on one Sunday evening to great heroes of peace. Does the church properly honor her great missionaries who have carried the gospel of reconciliation to many lands? Do we remember leaders in our nation whose lives were dedicated to peace? No doubt there are those in every church and community also who are deserving of special honor as peacemakers—those who are able to displace hatreds and to dissolve misunderstandings by their spirit of Christian love.

The glory of war has been magnified in the pages of history and some very ordinary people have had their names on record because they have taken a hero's part in war. The peacemakers are little known and their praises unsung, nevertheless they are the "salt

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We Remember Heroes of Faith and Peace

Hebrews 11:7-10; Romans 12:16-18



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of the earth" and this world would not have held together as long as it has without them.

Webster's dictionary says: "A hero is one who plays a central part in an admirable way in a remarkable action."

Jesus expected His followers to live dangerously. He didn't ask them to use their cars to race a streamliner to a crossing, to play hide and seek with a police squad car, to barge through a traffic light on the yellow or to make unannounced left turns, as some youth suggest by their actions.

But He challenged them to stick their necks out on unpopular issues, to let people know where they stood on hot questions, to be willing to climb out on limbs that more cautious people would avoid, to go on their mission journeys as "lambs among wolves."

Jesus didn't ask His followers to skate on thin ice for the thrill of it or walk a tight rope as an exhibition of daring, to live recklessly or foolishly in the name of a great faith.

But He did call on disciples to risk danger and even death in an adventure that might lead to a cross but that always led beyond the cross to a victory of faith.

If you read again His great Sermon on the Mount, you may agree with W. R. Maltby that "Jesus promised His disciples three things—that they would be entirely fearless, absurdly happy, and that they would get into trouble."

Some Early Church Heroes of Peace

The early church placed its seal of disapproval on war and for the first 300 years Christians did not engage in war in any way. It is worth our consideration to know the testimonies of these who followed so closely the immediate followers of Jesus:

1. Justin Martyr (A.D. 140) in his first Apology quotes the prophecy of Isaiah and proceeds further—"That these things have come to pass you may be readily convinced: for twelve men, destitute both of instruction and eloquence, went forth from Jerusalem into the world, and by the power of God gave evidence, to every description of person, that they were sent by Christ to teach all men the divine word: and we who were once slayers of one another (that is to say, commonly engaged in warfare) do not fight against our enemies."

2. Origen (A.D. 230), in his work against Celsus, says of himself and his brethren, "We no longer take up the sword against any nation, nor do we learn any more to make war. We have become, for the sake of Jesus, the children of peace." Elsewhere in the same paper he says, "Christians are useful subjects because they pray for their monarch. By such means, we fight for our king abundantly, but

we take no part in his wars, even though he urge us."

Think of other church heroes of peace; St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther, David Livingstone.

Treat the lives of these heroes briefly. Use St. Francis' Prayer for Peacemakers:
Lord,
Make me an instrument of Thy Peace!
Where there is hatred, let me sow love!
Where there is doubt, faith!
Where there is sadness, joy!
Where there is darkness, light!
Where there is despair, hope!
O, Divine Master!

Grant that I may not seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving, that we receive;
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life! Amen.

Some Well-Known More Recent Heroes of Peace

It has been said that one of the most successful ways to have people become friends is for them to understand each other. It is not often that friends quarrel. From this point of view choose some of the following persons and point out how you think they have furthered the cause of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men."

1. Lindbergh, "The Lone Eagle."
 2. Albert Schweitzer, A Hero in the African Jungle.
 3. Benjamin Franklin, who began public libraries in America.
 4. Louis Pasteur, a Physician to the Whole Human Race.
 5. George Washington Carver, who saw value in the common things.
 6. Sir George Williams, who founded the Young Men's Christian Association.
 7. Jacob Riis who wanted good homes for all people.
- (These stories may all be found in a book called *Heroes of Peace*, by Archer Wallace.)

Begin With Ourselves

There's excitement enough waiting for the young person who will dare to put into practice today the principles which got Jesus and His disciples into trouble. Indeed you can easily dispense with the 25-cent thrillers you buy at the newsstands and the 60-cent thriller you see on the screen. The early Christians were too busy witnessing at tremendous cost to imagine that someday their adventures

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You Count

by Amy Deck Faust

Most Americans can do more than the simple "readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic" of a few years ago. We have many books and are able to read on many subjects. We are usually able to do more than the simple mathematics of other years. But most of us still need to learn how much each person counts. Usually, one plus one will equal two. This is simple arithmetic. Sometimes in life, though, one plus one gives more than the effect of two. Often one person helped by another will accomplish the work of three. Or, three people working together will be able to gain the results of five.

The individual is very important, but the worth of group effort is often far greater than the results of the same number of people working alone. That is why in films and in broadcasting our united effort is so valuable. If each of us wishes to see better broadcasting and better religious films we can work together and have greater effect than by the work of each of us separately.

Look for a moment at the problems of broadcasting. Our united help is needed to plan, write, produce, and pay the production costs of radio and television programs on a national level. Local programs are necessary but the networks must have outstanding national programs because some areas would be without religious programs if the church did not work together to make network broadcasting possible.

Information on all these materials and the way to schedule local action may be obtained free of cost by writing to the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches at the address previously noted.

Films

Now, just a brief word about recent films; the TV Easter film, *Day Before Easter* will be available for next year too. The new film, *Day of Triumph* (produced by Rev. James K. Freidrich of the Cathedral Films, Hollywood) will be available all year. It is 44 minutes of glorious color. It records the ministry and the last days, death, and resurrection of our Lord. As the last scene fades from the screen the words are seen, "And that was just the beginning . . ."

A new tithing film will be available this fall in 16mm., black and white (44 min. rental \$12.00) titled, *The Beginning*. There will also be a thrilling 14 min. color film about our use of films, audio-visuals, and broadcasting in the foreign mission fields. This is just finished and soon to be distributed, as *That They Might See*.

In the Face of Jeopardy (16mm., 29 min., black and white or color, rental \$12, \$8.) is the missionary film ready April 1 on the foreign theme. *This Is Freedom*, Christianity vs. Communism, (29 min., black and white or color, \$12, \$8) will be ready June 1. By May 1 the film on American Indians *Song of the Shining Mountains* is to be ready. (29 min., black and white or color, \$12, \$8.) Also buy the film strip, *Travelin' Man* (black and white or color,

sound FS, \$3.50 or \$3.) about Church World Service. All these tell the good news. The use is up to you. You count. Your help and the help of others does the impossible.

Television

Check in your local area to see if the following television programs are available; *Frontiers of Faith* (live on NBC, Sunday, 1:30 P.M., EST, or by delayed telecast at other times); *Look Up and Live* (live on CBS, Sunday, 10:30 A.M., EST or later by kinescope. In the summer the time will be occupied by *Exploring God's World*); and the television films *The Pastor* (14 min.), *What's Your Trouble?* (Dr. Norman V. Peale 15 min.), *This Is the Life* (½ hour with the Fisher Family in Christian drama) and *The Puppets* (9 TV films on 4 Parables told by Christ, 2 films of Joseph and 3 of Moses. Each is 14 min.). Your help in scheduling these programs and your thanks to the stations for carrying the programs is vital.

Radio

In radio we have the following; *The Art of Living*, Sunday, 9:45-10:00 A.M. (Dr. Norman V. Peale) NBC; *National Radio Pulpit*, 10:00-10:30 A.M. EST; *Pilgrimage* Sundays on ABC (time varies); and *Thy Kingdom Come* NBC live Saturday, 6:30 P.M. This latter program may be heard at a later hour by delayed broadcast, but all should hear it. This thrilling "new" interpretation of church music and scripture is especially appealing to young people.

Also a thrilling dramatic program, *Let There Be Light* is a weekly 15 minute transcribed story of some thrilling religious drama, past or present. The recordings may be used for local study after the broadcasts. Be sure to hear by radio, or buy from the Broadcasting and Film Commission (220 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y.) the coming story of the beginning of the Sunday School movement. This will be called, *Bobby Wildgoose and His Ragged Regiment*. This will be featured before the 23rd International Convention at Cleveland July 27-31, 1955. This 175 Anniversary celebration will be a "top priority event in Christian education."

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK

Intermediate — May 1

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the Christian way of life expressly at all times. Then, too, we believe that one can be a Christian no matter what his work. This is said with some reservation, for we are convinced that there are some vocations which one would find it difficult to adjust his activities to the Christian ideal." What vocations in the church go beyond being a minister, missionary, Christian Education Director or Church Secretary?

Problem Studies

PROBLEM ONE. Gene's father has a good business. He wishes Gene to take over the business for him. What facts might make it inadvisable for Gene to do so?

PROBLEM TWO. Helen wants to develop a career for herself. What facts should she take into consideration? Is being a housewife beneath her dignity? What reasons would you give to her?

PROBLEM THREE. Bill is not able to work in school. He is barely able to make the grades necessary to graduate from high school. He does an excellent job with woodwork and tools. Should Bill go on to college for an education? From a Christian point of view, what would you advise him to do?

PROBLEM FOUR. Jerry is a good athlete. Some of his friends have advised him to enter professional athletics. What are the questions which he would need to answer? What suggestions could you make from the viewpoint of Christian vocation?

Intermediate — May 15

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4. Possibly you could take a trip through the City Hall of your city. There you might meet public officials who would tell you something of their phase of work. It would be informative to know how many different departments help to keep your city running.

If this is impossible often there are Christian officials, one of whom could be secured to speak to your group. Be sure to formulate some questions in advance which you would like to ask him.

5. Make a map of your city. Sketch maps are usually available at the Chamber of Commerce or a stationery store. Purchase one and then lay out the varied places of interest.

Some pastors have in their studies a map showing the location of church members. Bring this to your meeting and note where your members are concentrated most. This study of the city continues next week so you will have time to utilize these facts.

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Senior Young People — May 15

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Such is the city and its problems. These "snapshots" will give some idea of the enormity of the problem. This will be considered further next week. Bring ideas for its solution.

Whether this topic interests you or not, remember the greatest problem of all, both in the great cities and in your own home community, is the need of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. He has the answer to all of our needs. How can we match the problem to the divine Answer?

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in the arena might make a Hollywood super-colossal spectacle. The lions they faced were trained only to kill and whatever miracles they experienced were not provided by trick photography.

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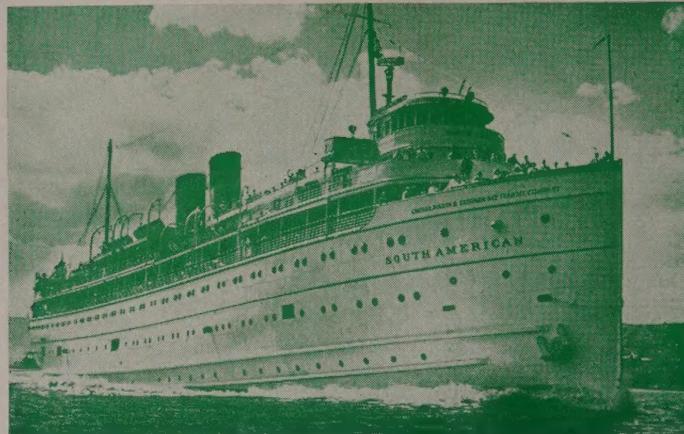
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